

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, there are currently more than 460,000 Hispanics living in the greater Austin area; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic population has grown at a remarkable rate, increasing by 35% since 2000; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics are expected to become the largest minority population by the year 2011; and

WHEREAS, the African American Quality of Life report has been a successful tool to create higher levels of community engagement and create policy that will address the needs of the African American community; and

WHEREAS, a similar effort for the Hispanic community has the potential to yield similar positive results; and

WHEREAS, the outcome of these results will assist the City of Austin in addressing this rapidly growing demographic; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to identify areas within the upcoming fiscal year 2008-2009 budget to conduct facilitated community discussions of the Hispanic/Latino quality of life issues in Austin; develop strategies to address the findings coming out of a Community Scorecard and the discussions; and report back to Council with recommendations incorporating key strategies in the City's overall economic development program.

ADOPTED: _____, 2008

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry

City Clerk